

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING SHRI
NARENDRA MODI ON HIS
RECORD-BREAKING VICTORY AS
INDIA'S NEW PRIME MINISTER

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate India's next Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his resounding and historic victory. The Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) victory on May 16, 2014 is the first time after Independence that a non-Congress party has got absolute majority on its own, and Narendra Modi is the reason why.

His victory is India's victory and, while history will remember India's 2014 elections as unprecedented, I will remember the 2014 elections as a triumph. The people of India have triumphed, and I join with them in this momentous celebration of new development for all.

As a token of friendship and in commemoration of the fulfillment of his destiny to lift up the masses, assure social justice, and bring new hope for any and all who, like him, step forward and transform challenges into opportunities by sheer strength of character and courage, a flag was flown over the United States Capitol at my request in honor of him on April 7, 2014, to mark victory's dawn.

I pay tribute to Shri Modi for his clarion call for change, to save a nation from ruin. I applaud his leadership and recognize his victory—the people's victory—in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. A statement in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD becomes part of U.S. history and I firmly believe Shri Narendra Modi should be included not only in the annals of India's history but U.S. history, too, because he was elected with a resounding victory despite the United States using every recourse it could to disrupt his destiny.

The U.S.-India partnership should be, could be, one of the most defining of the 21st century. But, I am disappointed that the United States failed to develop a strong friendship and comprehensive partnership with Shri Narendra Modi when it mattered most. U.S.-India relations matter strategically, politically, and economically. And even if they didn't matter, the United States should be a fair and honest broker about human rights. Regrettably, in the case of India, the United States missed the mark by responding one way to the 2002 Gujarat riots, another way to the Godhra train burning which led up to the riots, and still another way to the largest ethnic cleansing since the partition of India in which between 300,000 to 500,000 Kashmiri Hindus since 1990 have migrated due to persecution.

Nonetheless, despite the United States getting it wrong with India, Shri Narendra Modi is looking ahead. He is dedicated. He is determined. He is dynamic. He is different. He is the leader of the world's largest democracy. And he is the key player for improved relations between the U.S. and India. As Shri Narendra

Modi assumes his mantle as India's next Prime Minister, I have every confidence he will cut across caste, creed and religion and bring alive the dreams of over a billion Indians, and a world that needs his leadership.

As he promised, "Good days are coming." And so, they are. I have personally met with Shri Modi as far back as 2010 and I know him to be a sincere man who stands against corruption and for inclusive growth and development. Shri Modi is a man of vision and he, together with each and every citizen of India, will create something special—an India that will assume its destined role.

Without a doubt, Prime Minister Modi will usher in India's new era. He will make the 21st century India's century. This is his destiny. And so, once more, I congratulate Shri Narendra Modi on his path-breaking campaign, and I praise BJP Party President Rajnath Singh for working shoulder-to-shoulder with Shri Modi to ensure that the spirit of democracy has triumphed. I also commend Mr. Sanjay Puri, Founder and President of USINPAC, for championing the cause and work of Shri Narendra Modi early on in the U.S. Congress when India's next Prime Minister was Chief Minister of Gujarat.

Above all, I praise Prime Minister Modi's parents who gave rise to him, especially his mother whose blessings he sought. From his beginnings as a son of a tea seller to a landslide and ground-breaking victor, I wish Shri Modi godspeed on his poetic journey forward as India's next Prime Minister.

TRIBUTE TO DR. E. DEWEY SMITH, JR.

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

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Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, Dr. E. Dewey Smith, Jr., is celebrating ten years (10) in pastoral leadership this year and has provided stellar leadership to his church on an international level; and

Whereas, Dr. Smith, under the guidance of God has pioneered and sustained Greater Travelers Rest Missionary Baptist Church, as an instrument in our community that uplifts the spiritual, physical and mental welfare of our citizens; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious man of God has given hope to the hopeless, fed the hungry and is a beacon of light to those in need; and

Whereas, Dr. Smith is a spiritual warrior, a man of compassion, a fearless leader and a servant to all, but most of all a visionary who has shared not only with his Church, but with our District and the world his passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Dr. E. Dewey

Smith, Jr., as he celebrates ten years in pastoral leadership at Greater Travelers Rest Missionary Baptist Church; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim March 23, 2014 as Dr. E. Dewey Smith, Jr. Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 23rd day of March, 2014.

HONORING MS. MARY ANN TYLER

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding young lady making a difference in her school and her life. She is a student at West Tallahatchie High School in Tallahatchie County, MS, Ms. Mary Ann Tyler.

Ninth grade is a time when most fourteen year olds are just entering their first year of high school and getting acclimated to it. Ms. Tyler's life changed in the ninth grade. She became a teenage mother. But she did not let that change define her future.

Ms. Tyler said she started believing in herself and taking steps to define and construct her future. She started by attending class more often, turning those absences into presents; she began joining school organizations and clubs. Those among other changes have been the turning point of life.

There is a saying that "attitude can help determine your altitude." Well, Ms. Tyler has embraced that philosophy which has yielded her some positive returns. During her tenth grade year, she joined the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), and the Student Government Association (SGA) where she did more than just join, she was elected by her peers as the secretary. Organization and reliability is a great attribute.

As a member of the Future Business Leaders of America she progressed to the state competition to represent her school and there she placed third in the Community Service Project division of the FBLA competition.

The years just kept getting better and the growth and development in Ms. Tyler was starting to take notice. She rejoined the FBLA and SGA school organizations in her junior year of high school. This time she served as the Vice-President of both organizations, a position bestowed upon her through the voting process of peer election. She was also inducted into the Beta Club and voted the "Most Improved Student."

By the time Ms. Tyler was a senior in high school, leadership was natural and parenting was a role that she did not take for granted. She not only wanted to challenge herself to reach higher ground but, she also wanted to use her climb as an example for her child, knowing that someday she would tell her story of being a teen mom but not letting that define her future. During her senior year, Ms. Tyler became the president of SGA and the treasurer of the Beta Club.

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